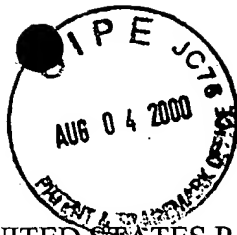


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add Claims 75-86 as follows:

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- 75. The antibody or antigen binding fragment of Claim 38 wherein said naturally-occurring mammalian C-C chemokine receptor 3 is encoded by a nucleic acid that hybridizes under moderate stringency conditions to a second nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:5.